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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC Requesting Approval of Its Proposed Home Energy Improvement Program HEIP-6
Docket No. 2016-149-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and supports the filing submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") on August 30, 2017, in the above referenced Docket. The Company requests that the Commission approve DEP's proposed modifications to its Residential Home Energy Improvement Program ("HEIP").

In part, DEP requests that the HEIP Program be renamed "Residential Service – Smart Saver Energy Efficiency Program" ("Smart Saver"), eliminate the existing tier structure for HVAC incentives, remove incentives for HVAC devices with a SEER of less than 15, discontinue HVAC tune-up measures, and remove incentives for high efficiency room air conditioners.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

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